

Rose Ann Vuich was the daughter of immigrant parents who grew up on a farm in rural Tulare County. She became a small-town accountant and went on to the California State Senate as the first woman ever to serve in that body. Although at first she was reluctant to run for the office, she eventually (in her own words) "tore into that campaign and campaigned from morning till night, in my own grass-roots, down-to-earth way * * *". Rose Ann won the primary by only 242 votes and beat her challengers in the run-off. Despite comments from political pros that said she didn't have a chance, she kept moving forward in a very simple and effective campaign and eventually won the election by more than 2,600 votes in 1976.

Rose Ann's first election was the last hard-fought election she would face. She so handily beat her challengers in 1980 and 1984 that nobody ran against her in 1988. Had she chosen to run in 1992, it's likely she would have run unopposed again.

The reason she became progressively more unbeatable came not only out of the deep roots and wide networks she had in her home district, but because she served in public office in exactly the way she promised she would.

In 1992, after a 16-year career as one of the most respected and esteemed legislators in California history, Senator Vuich retired from office and returned to her home, here in the Valley.

Rose Ann Vuich was more than honest. She was a person of extremely high integrity who took her public responsibilities very seriously and believed in giving the voter, the constituent, what they deserve: fair, ethical consideration of issues and conscientious, cost-effective delivery of service.

In addendum to her biography, I would be remiss if I failed to recognize Rose Ann for the recent dedication to her of the Rose Ann Vuich Interchange. The Interchange, which links three major Fresno freeways, was named after the lawmaker who got it built. Vuich made the completion of Freeway 41 the centerpiece of her 1976 election campaign. Her vision has finally been realized.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Rose Ann Vuich, a woman of vision and integrity. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing her a bright future, and many years of continued success.

**CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF
HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA AS THE
HOME OF 911**

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the City of Haleyville, Alabama as it holds the annual 911/Heritage Festival in June of each year. On Friday February 16, 1968 the Speaker of the Alabama House, Rankin Fite dialed 911 in Haleyville Mayor James Whitt's office and Congressman Tom Bevill picked up the receiver in the Haleyville Police Station resulting in America's first emergency dial telephone service.

Since that first call in 1968, the overall plan to establish this service nationwide has been

implemented and become second nature to the American people. Today anyone can dial 911 in any type of emergency, such as sickness, fire, police, or ambulance and a policeman on duty will immediately summon the help needed. Although there are no specific figures available, it is clear the 911 service has saved countless lives across the country. This impressive accomplishment all began in the city of Haleyville which is in the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama. As a lifelong resident of the city of Haleyville, I am proud of this achievement and pay tribute to this accomplishment which is something we can all support.

**HONORING ROBERT ROGERS' UPON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
EWING MARION KAUFFMAN
FOUNDATION**

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert "Bob" Rogers upon his retirement from the position of Chairman of the Board of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, which he has held since 1993. Fortunately, Mr. Rogers will continue to serve as the Chairman Emeritus on the Board and pursue his involvement in civic and community service at a national level. I know his valuable work will continue as he serves on the boards of the Independent Sector, the Council on Foundations, America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth, American College Testing, and the Corporation for National Service.

During his tenure as Chairman of the Board for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Mr. Rogers was instrumental in the development of the strategic direction of both Foundation operating divisions: Youth Development and the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Under his guidance, these two divisions have effectively impacted youth development and entrepreneurial causes.

Before his career with Ewing Marion Kauffman, Mr. Rogers had a distinguished career in the private sector, working for Coopers and Lybrand, TWA, Waddell and Reed, and Gateway Sporting Goods. This experiences, as well as his personal life experiences have allowed him to shape and guide the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to a position as an effective leader of youth development programming and entrepreneurship training into the new millennium.

Mr. Rogers is an inspiration to me—his dedication and commitment to public service serves as example to all of us who work to make our constituents lives better. Please join me in thanking him for his service to our community and the nation, Mr. Speaker.

**A TRIBUTE TO THE MAXEY
FAMILY**

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Maxey Family in the 4th

District of Colorado. Started by Loren Maxey in 1969, Maxey Companies will celebrate their thirtieth anniversary this June.

When Maxey Companies was started thirty years ago it was comprised of one division. Today Carl Maxey, Loren's son, and his wife Marla have expanded the company to four divisions. This expansion took twelve years of labor which I believe mirrors the work ethic of Colorado's 4th District.

Today Maxey Companies' four divisions manufacture, equip, distribute and sell trailers, truck bodies, truck equipment and snow removal equipment. Mr. Speaker, on June 4th, 1999, Maxey Companies will officially open the doors to an expansion of Max-Air Trailer Sales, 9715 Brighton Road, Brighton, Colorado.

On a personal note Mr. Speaker, I have known the Maxey family for many years and am proud to count them among the best of my friends. The Maxeys are known widely as a family dedicated to their community.

The Maxeys are always there for their friends, neighbors and associates. I know of no family that outpaces the Maxeys when it comes to volunteerism and leadership. Loren, for example, has punctuated his community dedication by distinguished service on the Fort Collins City Council. Carl, has emerged as one of Fort Collins' most respected business leaders.

Kathy Maxey, and Marla Maxey have accumulated countless hours of volunteer time too, serving area youth and those suffering mental illness and developmental disabilities.

As a strong close-knit family, the Maxeys are the finest example of real America. The loving bond of the Maxey family is their trademark. A model for all, the Maxeys inspire those who know them through their honesty, hard work, generosity, kindness, and peity.

I hereby commend the example of the Maxeys to my colleagues in Congress and salute this brilliant Colorado Family upon their great success.

The entire Maxey family, their business, employees, and their collective good works are truly among Colorado's greatest assets.

**IN RECOGNITION OF ELMER LEE
CHANNEY ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT FROM JACK-
SONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elmer Lee Chaney, Professor of Educational Psychology and Educational Resources at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, on the occasion of his retirement from the university after 37 years.

Elmer Chaney came to Jacksonville State University from North Carolina where he attained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Elon College and his Masters of Education and Guidance degree from the University of North Carolina. He was also certified as a Licensed Guidance Counselor in North Carolina. He started his teaching career as a teacher of English and French at Bethany High School and Wadesboro High School in North Carolina and was honored as Teacher of the Year at Bethany High School in 1958.

Elmer Chaney began his college teaching career at Jacksonville State University in 1962 as Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology. In addition to his duties as a professor, he has served on and chaired a number of committees at the university including screening committees for educational faculty members, the Committees for Educational Resources, the Off Campus Commuter College Committee, and the Assessment Committee.

Elmer Chaney has also been involved in community activities. He has always been a fundraiser for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, but his greatest contribution to the community is his love of the reed organ. Mr. Chaney is an accomplished organist and carillonneur at the Church of St. Michael and All Angeles in Anniston, Alabama. He is a member of the Reed Organ Society and owns a number of outstanding instruments.

Elmer Chaney has been a vital part of Jacksonville State University. His presence at the university is felt in so many ways. I salute him for his dedication to his students, to Jacksonville State University and to the field of Education.

JOHN F. BARRETT: BOYS HOPE/
GIRLS HOPE HEART OF GOLD
AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of John Barrett, a friend, distinguished constituent and community leader who will receive Cincinnati's Boys Hope/Girls Hope's highest honor the Heart of Gold Award, on June 1, 1999.

As a member of the Board of Boys Hope/Girls Hope in Cincinnati, John Barrett has given countless hours of his personal time to further the organization's important mission of helping vulnerable young people in our area. Boys Hope/Girls Hope works to overcome the obstacles of poverty, abuse and neglect and provide a structured, caring educational experience for those deserving students through high school and college. John's enthusiasm for this organization is contagious and he has been instrumental in attracting others in the business community to this most worthy cause.

John Barrett believes in giving back to his community and he is particularly committed to improving the lives of the young people in our area. In addition to the tremendous work he does for Boys Hope/Girls Hope, he serves on the boards of the Children's Hospital, the Dan Beard Council/Boy Scouts of America, and the Greater Cincinnati Scholarship Association.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati owe John a debt of gratitude and congratulate him on receiving the Heart of Gold Award.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
OIL AND GAS LEASE MANAGE-
MENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF
1999

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, production of oil and gas from our public lands is fast becoming a rarity. Today I am introducing a bill, together with Rep. JOE SKEEN of New Mexico, which we trust will stem this decline, and encourage investment in federal mineral leases. We call it the Federal Oil and Gas Lease Management Improvement Act of 1999. Senator MURKOWSKI has already introduced a companion bill in the other body.

The "oil patch" in the United States is in tough shape. Consumers blissfully enjoyed record low gasoline prices until very recently, but producers have suffered immeasurably from the diminished proceeds they have received for their crude oil for many, many months. Even the recent slow climb back to semi-respectable oil and gas prices in the last few weeks has turned back down again in the last week of trading. Our bill, it will provide some incentives to federal oil and gas lessees to "stay the course" when prices drop below \$18 per barrel, or \$2.30 per million BTU's for natural gas. Furthermore, our bill says to producers "you know better than the government what your make or break price threshold is, so if low prices are sustained your lease terms are suspended, *at your option*, not the Secretary of the Interior's."

But, Mr. Speaker, it's not just producers who are being squeezed by today's global oil price environment. So are the oil patch states for which their share of federal mineral receipts are critical in meeting budget priorities. For many public land states, these receipts are dedicated to education trust funds, yet since 1991 these states have had to "share" in the burden of the federal government's costs to administer the Mineral Leasing Act before receiving their half of the remaining revenue. My home state of Wyoming has had over seven million dollars annually taken from the receipts flowing into its Treasury because of this law. And, these states, until now have had no option to take over the federal government's responsibilities and perform the same tasks more cost effectively.

That will change with the Federal Oil and Gas Lease Management Improvement Act. This bill offers states the opportunity to take over post-lease issuance duties from the federal Bureau of Land Management and allow the state's oil and gas conservation commission to perform those functions on federal leases within their borders, if they so choose. As an incentive to take over the fed program, thereby saving federal budget outlays, volunteering states would no longer have to share in the federal administrative burden which unfairly diminishes their school funds.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues from other public land states to cosponsor this legislation and work with me toward its passage. This bill seeks the balance necessary to keep a domestic oil and gas industry working to explore and develop our public mineral resources. Without such balance, the long term decline in domestic production will continue to

worsen and the royalties the taxpayers receive for such production will decline as well. Our oil patch states have shown the way this year by passing numerous severance tax reductions and other legislation designed to keep production on-stream and the workers associated with that production paying taxes. The Federal Oil and Gas Lease Management Improvement Act of 1999 is a small step in that direction by the federal government, and I urge its adoption.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ANES-
THESIA OUTCOMES STUDY ACT
OF 1999

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with several of my colleagues from the Ways and Means Committee—Representative MATSUI, Representative LEWIS (GA), Representative THURMAN, and Representative BECERRA—to introduce the Anesthesia Outcomes Study Act of 1999.

When the Health Care Financing Administration issued regulations to remove a Federal requirement of physician supervision of nurse anesthetists and instead leave that decision up to State rules, it threw a technical, medical debate into the realm of Congress.

I have absolutely no idea who is right or wrong on the issue or whether there is a quality difference with or without physician supervision. Yet, we are being asked to choose sides and advocate for the nurse anesthetists or for the anesthesiologists on this matter. I am very uncomfortable with Congress making decisions about which type of health professional should provide which type of service.

My colleagues and I advocate that this issue be resolved on a scientific, rather than political, basis. For that reason, we are introducing the Anesthesia Outcomes Study Act of 1999. This bill calls for the Secretary of HHS to conduct a study of mortality and adverse outcome rates of Medicare patients by providers of anesthesia services. In conducting such a study, the Secretary is to take into account the supervision, or lack of physician supervision, on such mortality and adverse outcome rates. This report is due to the Congress no later than June 30, 2000.

Once again, our intent with this legislation is absolutely neutral. We are not medical experts and we do not know whether physician supervision is a factor in the provision of anesthesia services. This study will provide us with the facts that are lacking today so that the final decision on this matter is a medically appropriate decision. Congress should not take action without that data.

HONORING EMMA BUCK

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Emma Buck, who recently celebrated her 95th